

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
 Marine Aircraft Group 12
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FLETPac
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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMBAND CHRONOLOGY

of

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121

Period: 1 - 30 June 1968

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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121 Lieutenant Colonel William D. SHIPLEY
 Marine Aircraft Group 12 1 - 30 June 1968
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, MAFAC
 FPO San Francisco, 96602

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 June 1968 - Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer -	Major Ray E. BRIGHT, 1-30Jun68
Operations Officer -	Major Neal L. DERICKSON, 1-14Jun68
	Major David A. DENNIS, 15-30Jun68
Administrative Officer -	Major Rodney R. DETCHMORTH, 1-30Jun68
Maintenance Officer -	Major Frank C. REGAN, 1-30Jun68
Material Officer -	First Lieutenant R. E. MUSSER, 1-30Jun68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USM</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
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During June, VMA-121 flew 889.6 hours and 831 sorties of which 841.6 hours and 786 sorties were flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. The Squadron delivered 1124.98 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 64.41 tons on 27 June 1968.

Of the 786 combat sorties flown during June, 213 sorties were given battle damage assessment by the controlling agency. The following lists the reported BDA:

<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Bunkers	150	51
Structures	94	43
IBA	50 (c)	5 (p)
Secondary Explosions	22	
Secondary Fires	24	
Trench Line	585 meters	
Fighting Holes	19	
Hootches	8	
Road Cuts	24	
Rocket Motor Cache	1	
Mortar Pit	1	
AW Positions	6	
Boat		1
Campans	4	
Storage Area	1	
Truck	1	
Well	1	
Bridge	2	2

During the night of 27-28 June, eight sorties were launched in support of 3rd Marine Division. These sorties directly attributed to 214 enemy KIA and 50 captured.

VMA-121 lost one (1) aircraft during June. 1stLt Walter R. SCHMIDT is listed as MIA after his aircraft was shot down on 9 June 1968. Major John D. INGRAM was MIA after his aircraft received enemy ground fire. Major INGRAM successfully made an arrested landing at Danang, AB on 22 June 1968.

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Personnel. During June, VMA-121 joined 2 officers and 6 enlisted. Transferred during the month were 3 officers and 10 enlisted. Promotions for the month were: One to Master Sergeant, one to meritorious combat Gunnery Sergeant, four to Sergeant, two to Corporal and one to Lance Corporal. Extensions during the month were one Sergeant for three months and one Corporal and Lance Corporal for six months.

2. S-3

a. Air Operations

(1) All pilots assigned to VMA-121 have flown over 100 combat missions. Twelve have over 100, eight have over 200 and one has reached 300 combat missions.

(2) During Fiscal Year 1968, VMA-121's Green Knights amassed a total of 11,215.3 hours and 9662 sorties of which 9679.9 hours and 8295 sorties were combat flights in the Republic of Vietnam. The Squadron delivered a total of 13,081 tons of aviation ordnance. At the end of FY-68 VMA-121's accident free hours totalled 6887.9 hours.

b. Training. One officer and twelve enlisted fam-fired the M-60 machine gun. Each person fired approximately 100 rounds. One enlisted went to Embarkation School at Camp Hansen, Okinawa. Two pilots were sent to Iwakuni, Japan for Delivery Pilot Refresher Training.

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<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOW</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOW</u>
SCOTLAND II	185	3d MarDiv	27
ALLERBROOK	112	1st MarDiv	11
MAHDIKHE THRUST	63	7th Mar	19
HOUSTON	44	26th Mar	10
KENTUCKY	45	9th Mar	2
JED SQUARE	12	5th Mar	0
NEVADA EAGLE	19	1st Mar	4
CUMBERGILL	4	ARVN	8
DEATHWHEEL SQUARE	4	101st Airborne	3
LONELY BOY	2	1st AirCav	4
ROUGEBOSS RUN	6	7th Air Force	3
MANCASTER II	14	Special Forces	4
SWIFT SABER (SLF)	2	Recon Team	8
SPASION	4	198 Light Inf. Brig.	4
ROSHO II	12	Americal Division	1
WISCONSIN WATLOMA	2	Other	160
A SHAU	1		
WATKINSON	4		
DRAGON PALACE	2		
WATKINSON/SALINE	18		
OILSKIDS	2		

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